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COURT HOUSE
Lovingston, Nelson County, Virginia

Owner: The County

Date of erection: c. 1809

Builder-architect: Judge Crosthwait (traditionally)

Present condition: Fair

Description:

This may be the prototype of the court houses for Madison, Fairfax, and Caroline Counties, as all partake of the same characteristics and all are later in period than that at Lovingston. It is of brick, now painted grey, two stories high beneath a pediment roof, on which a cupola rests. Across the short end, which is the architectural front, is an arcade, a survival of an old Virginia tradition. The interior possesses a little simple woodwork of the period.

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